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**CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES**  
to the  
**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

***SB 824 "An Act Requiring Consideration by the State Traffic Commission of Certain Applications Prior to Local Planning and Zoning Approvals."***

SB 824 would allow the State Traffic Commission (STC) to review plans that are submitted prior to local approvals being finalized.

CCM is sympathetic to the intent behind this proposal, however believes that the best solution would be to have STC staff participate in the pre-application review process so major issues can be worked out before an application is submitted. This will save time and money for the state and municipalities.

CCM urges the committee to amend SB 824 to require that state officials be involved during the pre-application review process to ensure more efficient project approvals.

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